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SUBJ: ILO - ARTICLE 17

1. IN THIS MORNING'S (JUNE 17) HALF HOUR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE, THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR EL-SHAFEI MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT (NOT VERBATIM) ON THE G-77 POSITION ON ARTICLE 17 AND STRUCTURE: QUOTE IN RESPONSE TO AN INITIATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, THE COORDINATORS OF THE REGIONAL GROUPS WITHIN THE G-77 PARTICIPATED IN THREE MEETINGS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY. EXTENSIVE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS WERE HELD. AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE G-77, I WOULD QUALIFY THEM AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND HELPFUL. THESE SUPPORT MY BELIEF IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURES WHICH BIND THIS ORGANIZATION TO FRUITFUL AND MEANINGFUL RESULTS. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THIS INITIATIVE AND FOR THE WORK OF THE COORDINATORS OF THE THREE REGIONAL GROUPS OF THE G-77. QUOTE THE NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE AS A DIALOGUE. AT A CERTAIN STAGE, THE IMEC SPOKESMEN STATED THAT THEY WANTED TO PRESENT THE G-77 WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE G-77 RESOLUTION. AT THIS SAME JUNCTURE, THEY INFORMALLY REQUESTED A G-77 CONSIDERATION OF A NEW FORMULA FOR AMENDING ARTICLE 17. AS A RESULT OF THESE INITIATIVES, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE G-77 MET THIS MORNING TO GIVE ITS REACTIONS TO THE SUGGESTIONS, WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO THEM. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THESE PROPOSALS AND AMENDMENTS WERE ONLY INFORMALLY PRESENTED, THE G-77 IS NOT IN A POSITION TO MENTION THEM. IT CAN BE STATED THOUGH THAT THE BULK OF THE SUGGESTIONS WERE ADDRESSED TO THE PREAMBLE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, AND ONE SUGGESTION WOULD TOUCH THE OPERATIONAL PARAGRAPH. IN THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND

IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER, THE G-77 SUBMITS TO THE COMMITTEE, SO
AS TO NOT WASTE TIME, THE CONCLUSION THAT THE PREAMBULAR TEXT OF
THE G-77 DOCUMENT WOULD NOT BE A MATTER FOR NEGOTIATION SINCE THIS
ONLY REFLECTS THE POSITION OF THE G-77. IF THE COMMITTEE AGREES,
THIS PART WOULD SIMPLY BE REFLECTED IN THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.
QUOTE WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT IS THE OPERATIVE PART OF THE RESOLUTION.
I MUST ADMIT THAT OUR UNDERSTANDING AT ALL TIMES IS THAT
OTHER VARIOUS GROUPS ARE SYMPATHETIC WITH THE MOTIVES OF THE G-77.
THEY HAVE NO SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO THE COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED
IN THE OPERATIVE PART. WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE G-77, I
FORMALLY MOVE ADOPTION OF THE OPERATIVE PART OF THE RESOLUTION
TO BECOME A DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE. IN SO DOING, I NOTE
THAT THERE IS ONE SMALL CHANGE IN THE TEXT, THAT BEING IN
PARA 3, WHEREBY WE REQUEST THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE DIRECTOR
GENERAL TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT THIS DECISION.
QUOTE WITH RESPECT TO THE NEW PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 17,
THE G-77 IS UNABLE TO ENTER INTO ANY NEGOTIATIONS, OR TO COMMIT
OR ACCEPT DISCUSSING THE NEW FORMULA. THE G-77 IS DOING THIS
IN THE OPINION THAT PROPER DIALOGUE SHOULD BE HAD IN THE PROPER
MANNER, IN OTHER WORDS, ALL AMENDMENTS WITH REGARD TO THE
CONSTITUTION OR STRUCTURAL ISSUES SHOULD BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
WORKING GROUP. THIS WORKING GROUP CAN EXAMINE THE NEW PROPOSAL,
AS WELL AS ALL OTHERS, AT ITS NEXT MEETING. UNQUOTE.SORENSEN

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